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## Mavs upset No. 1 NDSU

By TIM ROHNER

The UNO wrestling team performed such a hit in the Fieldhouse this weekend, it should certainly climb the charts, or, rankings.

On Friday, the seventh-ranked Mavs crushed sixth-ranked University of North Dakota (UND) 38-7 and unranked Central Missouri State University (CMSU) 38-6, then followed those up with a come-from-behind 23-18 victory over the nation's No. 1 team, North Dakota State University (NDSU) Saturday.

"We should be ranked in the top four," said Maverick Dan Radik, who won all three of his weekend matches in the 177-lb. division. "Individually, we're strong and we're really coming together as a team."

Against UND, the Mavs won eight of 10 matches, including a pin by Tony DeGeorge against Jeff Oxtan in the 167-lb. match. Pat Kelly won by technical fall against UND's Kyle Niemi in the 190-lb. match, 19-4.

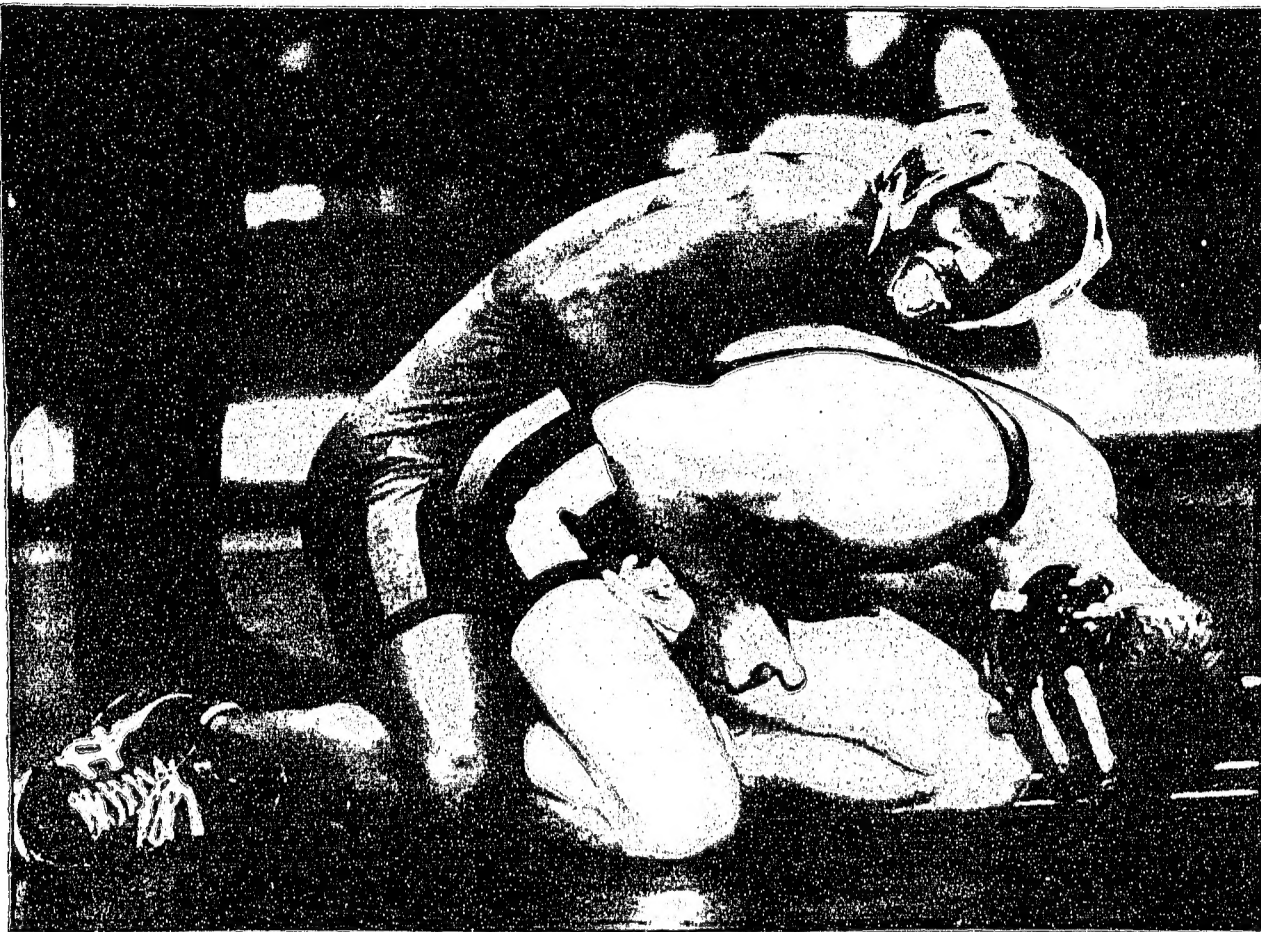
It was the same tune against CMSU as the Mavs took eight of 10 matches, though no pins were recorded.

UNO's Marc Bauer, wrestling in the 134-lb. division, beat CMSU's John Sherman in a technical fall by 16 points, 18-2, for the largest victory margin of the evening.

The following evening, NDSU's Bison, sporting a 3-0 record in the North Central Conference (NCC), came calling to extend their undefeated string against the Mavs. The Bison had not lost to UNO since 1989, though the two teams tied in 1990.

Encouraging the Bison were the NDSU cheerleaders and a small, but vocal, group of supporters in the stands.

They had something to cheer about less than four minutes into the first match when Brian Kapusta pinned UNO's Jimmie Foster in the 118-lb. division.



UNO's Jimmie Foster takes down Rodney Griffing of Central Missouri State in Friday's action.

The pin gave the Bison a 6-0 lead.

The Mavs got going in the second match, though, when Jeff Sill defeated NDSU's Jeff Kapusta 10-8 in the 126-lb. match.

Included in Sill's points was a takedown of Kapusta after he began walking toward the out-of-bounds area, apparently complaining of an injury. The takedown sparked the NDSU coaches off the bench, complaining to the referee that Kapusta called a time out.

UNO Coach Mike Denney said later that Kapusta did not look at the referee to call a time out and that the match was still in play.

Following Sill's victory, Bauer pinned NDSU's Ben Hansen and Steve Costanzo won by an injury default in the 142-lb. match and UNO led 15-6.

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## Child care 'more than just a job'

By JULIA M. YBARRA

The play room is opposite the front door and one tiny person stands at the miniature table. A marker board hangs beside the open doorway with a menu printed on it: BREAKFAST-toast (jelly), fruit cup, bacon, milk. This is the foyer of UNO's child care center.

Ellen Freeman-Wakefield, director of child care for two years, greets the parents in her subtle English accent. A tall woman walks in with a little blond boy in blue

### BEHIND the scenes

sleepers pajamas on her hip.

"Spencer, I love your pajamas," Freeman-Wakefield says.

"We had trouble getting up in the morning," his mother explains.

Five young girls of varying sizes, yet all under three feet run around the room freely playing until breakfast is ready.

"You can have a seat," the director offers. I view the only seats available: red plastic chairs, all one foot off the ground.

With a trail of children in tow, Effie Swinarski, head teacher of the toddlers, enters carrying a laundry basket full of towels. She's a soft-spoken woman, barely audible above the chattering of the tiny people.

"We have our own washer and dryer," Swinarski says, while folding the washcloths. "We wash the children's hands before and after eating. We also require the parents supply an extra change of clothes in



Michael Napora, left, and Spencer Baumert share a book at UNO's child care center.

case the kids spill their juice, have an accident or get sick."

Swinarski takes time out from folding towels to assist a pale, blond boy with his crayons. A little blond girl named Hannah tentatively approaches the abandoned crayons and paper on the other side of the table. Spencer emerges once again, in a casual outfit topped off with a multi-colored cap, absent-mindedly chewing a sandwich his mother had given him.

At 8:17 a.m., Swinarski announces that it is time to clean up for breakfast. The children gather around three of the four tables,

and at present there are only nineteen children. But the number increases as the hour wears on.

The assistants circle each table asking who wants buttered/jelly toast, bacon and fruit cocktails. Amid the bustling activity, a few sentences are understandable.

"I don't want to eat."

"I got two cherries."

"Don't kick, Michael."

Spencer asks for more bacon, the pink lipstick marks from his mother's farewell

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## Senate approves NACA funding

By CHRISTOPHER COOKE

Contingency fee allocations dominated the agenda during Thursday's Student Senate meeting.

The Senate approved the funding of a trip already taken by UNO students to the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) conference in Omaha. Initial approval for funding was given outside of regular committee.

In a later interview, Senate Speaker Tim Chavez said the Senate was "in transition" and several key positions were vacant at the time the initial approval had taken place.

Chavez said former Student President/Regent Mike Farquhar and current Executive Treasurer David Kehr had given initial approval for the students to go to the NACA conference.

A grievance was filed against Kehr at the request of the budget committee because of the approval.

A resolution was also passed by the Senate allocating funds to send the director of the American Multicultural Students Agency and three students of the director's choice to the Big Eight Conference on Black Student Government.

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# Changes in store for financial aid

By LORI SHONKWILER

Changes are on the way for students needing financial aid.

A reauthorization bill, which was passed by Congress and will become effective July 23, 1993, requires financial aid to be standardized on campuses across the United States. The revisions will affect students applying for the fall '93 semester and later.

"A different form has been standardized by Congress in an attempt to simplify the process," said Randy Sell, UNO director of financial aid. The new regulated form will no longer charge a fee to applicants.

"Because the form is so new, we have not had much input from students, but we do not believe it is any more complex," Sell said.

The application deadline is March 1 for the fall semester. Sell said he feels it would be beneficial to get the form in early because of the new procedures.

Changes in procedures include stricter requirements for independent students, differences in the amount awarded and a new perspective regarding loans.

"The government will make it more difficult to be independent beginning in '93," Sell said.

Students must be able to answer "yes" to at least one of four questions to be considered independent status. Applicants must either have been born before Jan. 1, 1970, be a veteran of the armed forces, a ward of the court or both parents deceased, have legal dependents of their own and are married, or will be a graduate or professional student.

"We have a problem saying if you don't make those four requirements, you're not eligible," Sell said.

UNO's financial aid department will design a worksheet determining true dependency. Criteria will most likely be based on income-tax claims, total expenses and income level in comparison to the poverty line.

Changes are also visible in the need analysis formula for pell grants. Congress has allotted \$3,700 per year for maximum need, however, only \$2,300 per year is available due to lack of funding.

"Hopefully the new Clinton administration will add more funds into financial aid," Sell said.

Sell said there is a general shift away from free aid to loaned aid. Loans are more accessible to all students, dependent and independent.

Federal Plus Loans are available for de-



The little engine that couldn't

Amin Einea, right, gets a helping hand from Campus Security officer Jeff Hamilton after Einea's car stalled on University Drive West.

pendent students with parents accepting responsibility for payment. Previously, the amount loaned was capped at \$4,000 per year, but figures have been revised to the total cost of education minus other aid.

The Federal Stafford Loan has been altered to subsidized and non-subsidized. If students are eligible for a subsidized loan, the government will be responsible for the interest accrued on the amount borrowed. Non-subsidized loans require students to pay interest as well as the borrowed amount.

"The non-subsidized loan is meant to

help students who would not have opportunities with the Federal Plus Loan," Sell said.

"The first domino was the federal government, now the campuses have to adjust."

For UNO students, initial award letters will be delayed up to two months due to the added changes in aid.

"Regardless of later awarding, I am optimistic that we will not only catch up but we will surpass and incorporate a more powerful awarding system," Sell said. "The staff's goal is not to repeat last year's delay but process aid on time."

# UNO coach to run for city's top spot

By ELIZABETH MERRILL

Brad Bonn says he's not a politician.

But the Maverick assistant football coach said he plans to file his candidacy for mayor of Omaha, challenging incumbent P.J. Morgan.

Bonn said he currently has more than 700 of the 1,000 signatures required to file a petition for candidacy, and expects to meet the Feb. 5 deadline for non-incumbents to apply.

Bonn, a graduate student at UNO, spent



six and a half years in the Marines. He also was re-activated in the Army during the Persian Gulf War.

Bonn said he was initially attracted to running for the post when he heard that Morgan would probably run unopposed. Bonn said he wanted to "give people a choice" on the ballot.

An increase in police and fire protection and improvements for the city's roads are issues that need to be addressed, Bonn said. One way to increase funding for these projects, he said, would be to give some of the city's financial ventures to private business. He said that some city-funded property, such as swimming pools and golf courses, should become private business ventures.

Although he said he has always been interested in city government, he had never thought of holding an office until recently.

"I don't really have any ambitions of being a politician," he said. "Maybe that is what Omaha needs."

Bonn said he will not run his campaign as a politician, and wants to keep his election expenses under \$500. He said he is not interested in donations to support his campaign.

"I don't want anybody's money," he said. "I think too much money is spent on politics."

He said his campaign supplies will probably consist of only stickers and yard signs. "If (people) want to support me, they can make their own signs," he said.

Although his campaigning will be limited, Bonn said he thinks his chances are good if it is a two-candidate race.

"If it's just me and (Morgan), I have a pretty fair chance," he said.

Bonn said he has received support from members of the football team and that several players have been helping garner signatures for his petition.

"I decided that I'm going to get signatures up until the filing date," he said. "If I don't get enough signatures, then I guess the people don't want me to run."

## News Clips

### UNL's planetarium announces spring shows

Dazzling beams of laser light will again brighten the Ralph Mueller Planetarium as a new season of laser light shows begins.

Using its new color state-of-the-art laser graphics system, the Mueller Planetarium will interpret music from rock, pop, classical and even jazz this spring.

Mueller Planetarium is located in the UNL's State Museum on the University's City Campus at 14th and U Streets.

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### 'Talkin' That Song' looks at influences on literature

African-American music and its role in American literature are the subjects of a new non-credit course from UNO's College of Continuing Studies.

"African American Music: Talkin' That Song" explores American literature's use of spirituals, blues and jazz. Michael Carroll, assistant professor of English at UNO, is the instructor.

The five-session course will meet from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Feb. 2. All sessions will meet at the Kiewit Conference Center.

For more information or to register call the College of Continuing Studies at 595-2308.

### Resource center opens its doors to the public

UNO's Women's Resource Center is holding an open house Tuesday from noon until 4 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. The center is located on the third floor of the Student Center.

### Graduate office extends spring business hours

The graduate studies office will remain open for business until 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays during the spring semester.

These dates do not include March 22 and 23. The last late night opening for the office will be April 27.

### Volunteers sought by Disabled Students Agency

The Disabled Students Agency (DSA) is looking for dependable, responsible and flexible volunteers to provide a variety of services at the request of UNO disabled students.

Services would range from reading for blind students to escorting students in wheelchairs through snowy areas on campus between parking lots and the buildings where their classes are scheduled.

For information call DSA at 554-2368.

### ACA to meet Tuesdays in the Student Center

Adult Children Anonymous will hold meetings at UNO on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center Board Room.

Adult Children Anonymous is a nationwide network of people who grew up with alcoholism, other dysfunctions and the associated family problems. The group is not a religious or professional therapy organization.



The conference will take place at the University of Kansas at Lawrence February 18-20. The \$516.60 in allocated funds will cover travel, lodging and registration expenses.

The purpose of the conference, AMS Director Annette Crowder said, is "to introduce (students) to conferences of this nature so they can come back and apply valuable

information to their prospective organization."

Senator Matt Schulz expressed reservations about funding the conference.

Before the resolution was passed, Schulz proposed modifying the resolution so only two students would be funded to go to the conference.

"This is a lot of money," Schulz said. "This is student money. I feel that a lot of

money has been wasted. This last summer we sent the outgoing speaker on a trip to Chicago. She went, and was the speaker for only one more meeting."

Student President/Regent Jennifer Newhouse disagreed.

"I don't feel student funds are wasted on student leadership when we go to any conference," she said.

In other business, the Senate approved a resolution supporting code blue emergency lights and phones on campus.

The resolution was authored by Newhouse. She said the resolution was not to allocate money but to gain support in the Student Senate and then in student organizations.

The code blue emergency light system is a pole with a light on top and a button with a speaker phone on the side. Newhouse said the light on top of the code blue emergency phone would provide lighting in dark campus parking areas.

Pressing the button would provide instant communication with Campus Security.

A contingency request was put before the Senate seeking allocation of funds for file cabinets for the Disabled Students Agency (DSA). The contingency request did not pass. Mary Reynolds, chair of the budget committee, told the Senate that two file cabinets currently located in the Student Government office would be given to DSA, meeting the agency's specifications.

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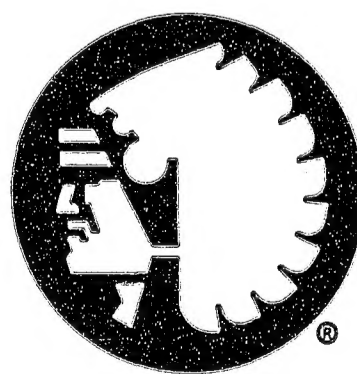
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## Policy naysayers shifting the blame

Infrastructure. That has been the latest topic on the tips of peoples' tongues this year, from the politicians in Washington to the works in private industry. President Bill Clinton has made "investing in our nation's infrastructure" his highest priority, insisting on investment in America's highways, in technology, in medicine, and especially in education. With the pressing need for a better trained, better educated work force, the push will be on to invest in our future and our children.

To do its part in achieving that goal, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents voted to raise its admissions standards. The change comes at a time when one-fifth of freshmen and nearly one-third of all students leave the system with a GPA less than 2.0. Del Weber, Chancellor of UNO, remarked that the new admissions policy was implemented to better help prepare students who want to enter NU and succeed in college. By raising the standards, the regents hope that area schools will respond accordingly and promote a better standard of excellence, thus contributing to an improved infrastructure.

Not so! Out come the cries from the indispensable opposition. Over the past few months, these critics of the new standards have charged the policy's proponents with elitism and cultural insensitivity. George Garrison, chairman of UNO's Black Studies, as well as other critics "more in touch with the grass roots of the community," are seeking to shift the blame of student failure from inadequate standards to

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columnist

other causes, among them institutional racism.

On the day of the regents' vote, Garrison remarked that "institutional racism is a fact of life." He elaborated more on this last Monday: "Institutional racism is both a complex and simple problem. It's simple in the sense that it is a system of discrimination based on race that advantages some and disadvantages others. It is complex because through the civil rights movement, racism was overt. Now racism has gone underground and become an art — a science.

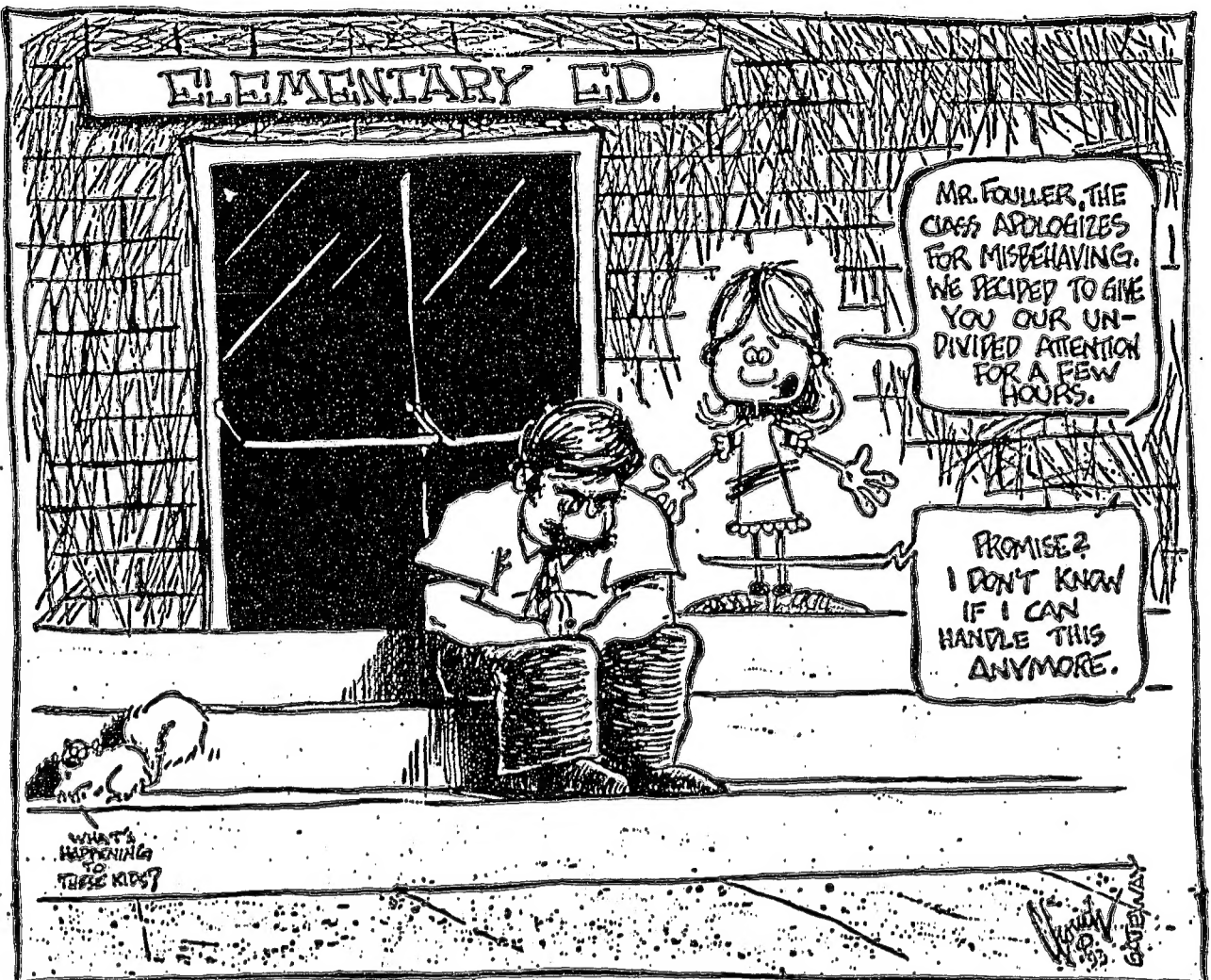
Another fact of life Garrison and other critics appear to miss is that over the years, fewer students are able to do the work college requires out of them. Not for any lack of ability per se, but because parents and teachers at a primary and secondary school level don't expect their children and students to work hard.

Parents, rather than pry their children away from the television and push their noses into books, expect them to get the grade, whether or not the kids learn. Teachers, instead of showing their students how to free their minds by learning to think for themselves, make these same students slaves to the almighty multiple-choice exam and the ten-page-a-week reading assignment. Then, instead of keeping students behind or booting them out of school when they need it, teachers join with the parents in trying to protect the youngsters from the harshness of life until graduation — then letting their children get kicked in the head by reality.

The problem is even worse for blacks and Latinos than for whites because people don't expect them to perform as well. The cure? Lower the standards so they can perform at an average level or, at the very least, let them pass by. Unfortunately, this cure does nothing to help the status of poorer minorities in either education or economics, but it does assist in keeping them down.

Perhaps a better "cure" can be found in the workplace, where you are required to show up on time, to be there every day, to show a commitment to your job. If you are not qualified to do the job, you will not be hired for it. If you slack off when you are supposed to be working, you will be fired. If you are a good worker and do your job well, you may be promoted and get a raise. Why shouldn't an education be the same way? If you haven't the ability to do university work, if you are not in the habit of showing up to class on time or won't do the homework, if you are not willing to invest your time and effort into getting a good education, what reason can there possibly be to let the person in where she or he doesn't belong?

There is no denying the existence of institutional racism, but vastly more often than not it is a person's behavior and inability that keeps him or her down. The time to teach that person the behaviors needed to succeed is when they are young and malleable, when they are more willing to learn what it takes to reach the top. The university is not meant for remedial education and is within its rights to raise its standards. What is more appropriate is for Garrison and his followers to respond by teaching the children of Nebraska what they need to know in order to pass by the requirements set by the regents.



## Baird not above the law

Americans can breathe a sigh of relief. Zoe Baird will not be the new attorney general.

Through their outcry, the Americans have told their new leaders they are not stupid and will not tolerate corruption.

Baird got caught at something many other arrogant politicians and public officials haven't been caught at yet: Abusing the law.

Hiring illegal aliens and not paying Social Security and unemployment taxes is inexcusable for someone who makes over a half million dollars a year. So why couldn't she kick in a few more bucks and hire legal citizens?

Baird knew she was breaking the law when she hired Peruvian couple Victor and Lillian Cordero. But she was so arrogant that she put herself above the law.

Supporters of Baird argued that once the Corderos received Social Security numbers, their taxes and interest were paid. But would this have happened if Baird had not been selected attorney general-designate? After all, a lawyer from the Clinton transition team made the arrangements.

Baird's arrogance led to her surprise that so many Americans would be outraged enough to call the Senate switchboard and complain in large numbers.

The intelligence of Americans is insulted by people like

Baird who believe they can bend and break the very laws they are sworn to uphold.

President Clinton said he considered Baird "a gifted attorney, a woman of decency and integrity." In light of what Baird has been caught doing, what, then, would be without integrity and decency in Clinton's eyes?

There is no integrity and decency in a lawyer supposedly dedicated towards defending the law who goes out and breaks it for the sake of personal gain. This is a hypocrite.

By supporting Baird and criticizing the review process, Clinton is also a hypocrite. Apparently he has no qualms with Americans and American businesses hiring illegal aliens. While Baird hired the Corderos, thousands of U.S. citizens stood in unemployment lines because they couldn't compete against illegal aliens who will work for next to nothing because they are willing to accept a low standard of living.

Baird's arrogance is what caused her to lose an opportunity to serve her country. Clinton mentioned in his inaugural address how Americans should look for ways to serve their country and not look for the government to serve them. This philosophy is good only if people of power and privilege are not exempt from it.

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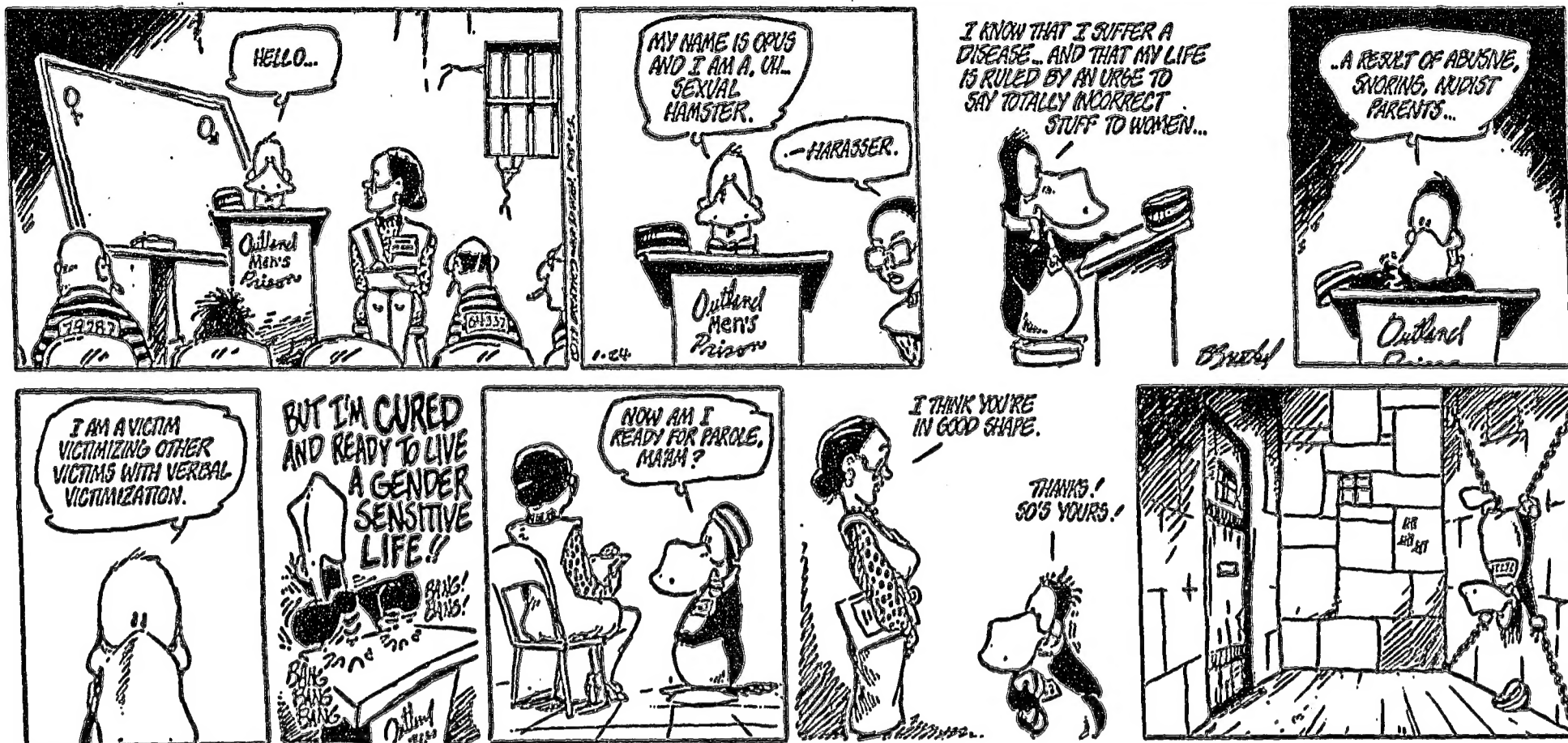
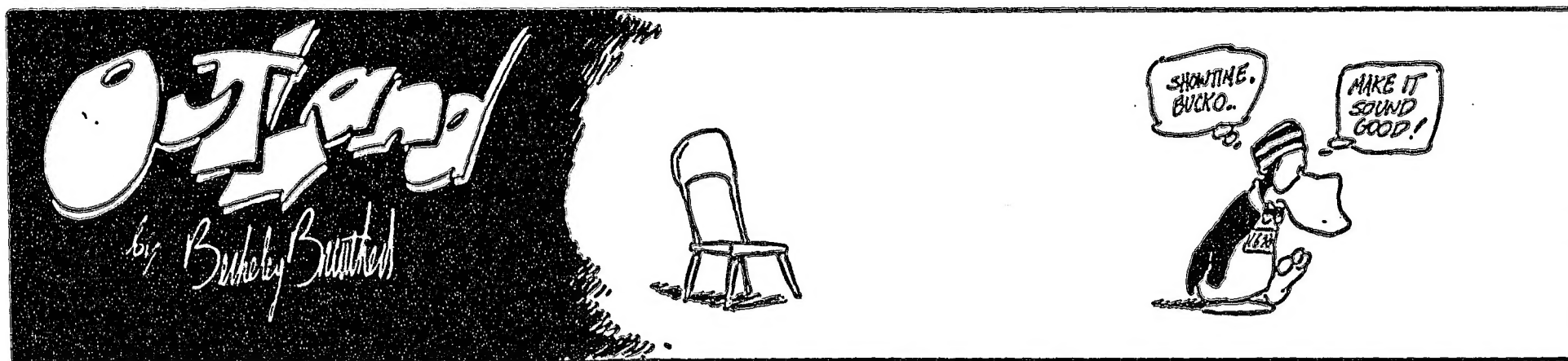
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# Coming to America

## South American students get a taste of American life

By JULIA M. YBARRA

Joel Salazar, Yisel Cáliz, Rosibel Ververde, and Rafael Gutierrez had never seen snow before — until they arrived in Omaha two weeks ago.

"I had been in the U.S. during the summer so I never saw snow," Salazar said as he withdrew a tissue from his pocket. "I feel funny in class with my nose running."

"Snow is beautiful to see, but not to feel," Cáliz said with a laugh.

"I like it, but I don't like the cold," Ververde agreed.

"I want to have a snowfight," Salazar said. "But no one wants to go out with me."

These students are four of the 13 international students who recently arrived at UNO from Central America. They are participants in the Central American Program of Undergraduate Scholarships (CAMPUS). Thirty-four students were selected from approximately 200 applicants based on test scores and interviews to study at various U.S. colleges for two-and-a-half years.

Salazar, 20, has no trouble communicating, as English is his native language in Belize. This is also not his first trip to the United States.

"I've been to Chicago, Miami and New Orleans," Salazar said. "Usually by myself to visit family."

Cáliz, 22, is one of the four students from Honduras. Her two years of English and experience working in a bilingual kindergarten back home enable her to speak English fluently.

"When I was eight years old I went to New York for a month," Cáliz said. "But I was just a kid."

Both Ververde, 26, and Gutierrez, 21, have studied English for at least six months, but confessed they are not comfortable enough to hold a conversation. Most of their interview was conducted through translations by Catherine Vouk, the International Student advisor.

The 13 students at UNO hail from Hon-



Yisel Cáliz, left, and Joel Salazar discuss their experiences of their first few weeks in America.

—ED CARLSON

duras, Nicaragua, Belize, Costa Rica and Panama.

"We apply for the scholarship," Cáliz said. "It's not like you decide you want to go (to the United States); it's a chance to go. I think it was a good idea."

"There's big competition for that scholarship," Salazar added.

In addition to snowfalls, they have encountered other situations that require adjustment.

"We're just not used to advanced technology," Salazar said. "In Belize, there are three traffic lights for the whole country. Here you can put a dollar in the machine and get coins. And there are so many computers here. At my university, there are about twenty-four."

"This university is like a small city," Cáliz said. "You have an office mail, we don't have that, or a student center. You don't have to go home to watch TV or to

sleep."

Ververde agreed that campus life at UNO differed from her home school.

"In my university, I can't go and exercise for free," Ververde said. "It's different, too, because the system is different. Students in Costa Rica have to take notes; there is a lot of dialogue."

"The schedule here is more open," Gutierrez said. "Like the fact you can participate in sports. Extra-curricular (activities) are an added incentive. In Costa Rica, it's based more on studying and not on extra-curriculars."

All the international students are taking intensive language courses in eight-week blocks except for the Belizians, since their native language is English. Vouk said she hopes they will all be taking academic courses in their majors by fall and receive their bachelor degrees in two-and-a-half years.

"They're taking intensive English until they reach a certain level on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)," Vouk said. "All students are living with host families and in May, if they wish, they can look for apartments. The only requirement is that their roommates cannot speak Spanish."

Because this is their first time in the United States for an extended period of time, they all have certain things they would like to do.

"I want to go to New York to see my brother," Cáliz said.

"I just want to travel; just to walk in the wilderness," Salazar said.

"Maybe I can visit my aunt in California because my parents may be coming to California and I can meet them in December," Ververde said.

"I want to go skiing, cross-country skiing," Gutierrez said.

## Exchange program brings Romanians to UNO

By JULIA M. YBARRA

They sat there patiently waiting. He, with his back straight and brown eyes forward and she on the edge of her seat, brown curls shadowing her light face. Razvan Petrescu and Oana (pronounced Wana) Branzel are two of the seven exchange students from Iasi, Romania.

Although both have traveled in Western Europe, neither have been to the United States before. Both have studied English for over ten years.

"We start (learning English) in school at about 12 years old," Petrescu said.

Petrescu and Branzel are participants in the Samantha Smith Memorial Exchange Program between the sister universities of UNO and Alexandru I. Cuza University in Iasi. The sister university policy began in 1983 with Romanian professors teaching at UNO. The exchange program, however, is brand new.

"Based upon the results of the English examination, together with grades, they decided who was going to come here," Petrescu said.

Along with Branzel and Petrescu, five others were selected to study in the United States for the eight-month program. Instead of taking intensive English classes, the students are taking academic courses in their majors. Petrescu is studying economics and finance; Branzel is studying international economic affairs.

When they arrived Jan. 8, they recalled their first impression of America.

"Both Oana and I have traveled Europe so it wasn't the

shock of western culture but the shock of America itself," Petrescu said. "Europe is crowded and here is much more open."

"It's more expanded here," Branzel said. "That was my very first impression and still is a constant one."

"We had a chance to travel with our host families in the countryside and cities," Petrescu said. "We're starting to get an idea, to a certain extent, of America. Hopefully in the next months we'll get a better image."

In comparing the two universities, the students noticed

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—Razvan Petrescu, Romanian exchange student

many differences.

"The school system is different. After finishing high school, we have the university which is four, five or six years long, depending on your subject," Petrescu said. "And it's free, or it used to be free; they probably take some taxes now."

"I was at the basketball matches and it was something very different," Branzel said. "I knew the audience was

very different, to manifest themselves and to support their favorite team."

"Our university was founded in 1860 — the oldest in Romania," Petrescu said. "Ours is in one big building. Here, it's a more modern place but it's really two different ways of studying and seeing things related to school."

"We don't have exams throughout the semester, we have only one exam in one subject and it's very different from many points of view," Branzel said. "The way of teaching, the way of learning; everything is different."

Because this is an exchange program, UNO is sending six students to study at Cuza University. Dr. Esmail Burhan, associate director of Afghanistan studies, said the students are required to take a course in Romanian culture before leaving for Iasi.

"It's good for our students to go to other countries, see other situations, different systems of education," Burhan said. "These students are, so to speak, the cream of the crop — they have the best grade point (averages) of any comparable student in Iasi. We have an excellent program for them."

Since it's their first trip to the United States, the students have their own ideas of things they would like to visit.

"Whenever I think of America, I think of California," Petrescu said. "I don't know why exactly, but I think that's what I'd like to see."

"I want to see all the places," Branzel said. "I want to see New York, Disneyland, but also the ocean. To meet people and know as much as I can."



# Washington waiting is the hardest part

The following is the last of a three-part series on the presidential inauguration of Bill Clinton and contains opinions of the author.

By ELIZABETH TAPE

WASHINGTON D.C. — It was a week to remember.

Hobnobbing with the likes of Wolf Blitzer and other media stars is an experience not offered to a university newspaper reporter on a regular basis. It is with great glee that I turn to the task of sharing some of the more amusing moments of six days in Washington, six days of events surrounding the inauguration of President Bill Clinton.

After arriving in Washington on Jan. 15, I spent the next two days picking up tickets and receiving credentials and passes for the inauguration.

Monday brought a trip to the National Park Services offices to pick up tickets for the White House open house to be held on Thursday morning.

As we attempted to walk by the White House on our journey across town, we were blocked by guards. The reason became clear as two helicopters passed immediately over us to land on the White House lawn.

A crowd had gathered to watch the landing, cameras were clicking away, people were pointing and running about, following the overhead path of the helicopters.

On the way to the official inaugural store I made a stop at the store for the National Organization for Women (NOW) to obtain a "Hillary in '96" button. The inaugural store was not hard to

miss, adorned as it was by a line of people extending from its door, down a long city block and around the corner. The wait, an hour-and-a-half long, was unbearable, but it seemed an experience that should not be passed up. So I got in another of the countless lines Washington had generated that week.

Every time someone would leave, the guard at the door would let someone else in, causing whoops and hollers to erupt from the crowd. If a shopper hesitated inside the store before exiting, boos and hisses could be heard. It was quite the carnival atmosphere.

What was inside after all this time? Mostly other shoppers waiting in line to pay for their merchandise. In the back, visitors could purchase a photo of themselves electronically placed with Clinton or Gore.

In all, this foray supporting the presidential inaugural committee required about two hours.

Tuesday began with the governors' luncheon, held in the Great Hall of the Library of Congress. Although the guests were not expected until 11:30 a.m., press was "called for" at 10:00 a.m.

Camera crews industriously prepared their equipment, reporters took notes, photographers checked their film supplies.

The media was well-prepared for the governors and their guests, who began to arrive shortly after 11 a.m.; among them Governor Ben Nelson and Mrs. Nelson. Although Clinton and Gore were scheduled to arrive at 11:30 a.m., they were nowhere to be seen.

Shortly before 1 p.m., when the event had been scheduled to conclude, the guests of honor did finally arrive. They began circulating among the guests, greeting people and shaking hands.

Tennessee native Dixie Carter of "Designing Women," accompanied by her husband actor Hal Holbrook, sang several songs for the other guests.

After brief remarks by Gore, Clinton was introduced and spoke about his hopes and plans for his administration and about the importance of governors and the federal government working together to get programs implemented.

On Tuesday afternoon, Senator Robert Kerrey held a reception for friends and others in Washington for the inauguration. The reception attracted a group of several hundred people, including Governor Nelson and congressman Peter Hoagland, to the elegant downtown Washington office building where the event was held.

Many other moments highlighted the extraordinary week, all marked by vast crowds, good feelings, an upbeat, cooperative spirit and vast crowds everywhere. It was a rare, exciting and greatly appreciated opportunity.

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## Class of '93 faces mixed job market

By JOHN WILLIAMS

Despite an improving economy, college graduates face a mixed job market this spring. More job opportunities may be possible, but expectations for salaries are lower, according to a leading employment report.

"There is widespread anticipation that the new administration and Congress will put programs into place to stimulate the economy," said Victor Lindquist, associate dean and director of placement at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. He is the author of the 1993 Northwestern University Lindquist-Endicott Report.

The 47th annual survey of business and industrial firms nationwide found that corporate America is "relatively optimistic," but that the outlook for 1993 graduates is only slightly better than 1992, the worst market for graduates in the past 20 years.

Most of the 258 businesses surveyed are cutting back on recruitment on college campuses and are reducing hiring in several disciplines, including most non-engineering graduates.

"Students will have to market themselves more effectively and have more flexibility," Lindquist said. "They must realize that their 'dream job' may be in another location or at a level less desired."

Some other findings of the report include:

- Students with degrees in computer science will find an 18 percent increase in job

opportunities.

- Demand for students with master's degrees in accounting will fall nearly 66 percent.

- At the bachelor's level, 47 percent of the firms will need more personnel, but 42 percent will need fewer new employees. For the students with master's degrees, 42 percent of the firms will hire more graduates, but 34 percent will hire fewer students.

- A majority of the firms conduct drug tests and many check education and past employment references. Many firms are now using psychological testing.

- Students with degrees in engineering can expect salaries 2 percent higher than 1992 graduates; liberal arts, 1.3 percent higher; and mathematics or statistics, 1 percent higher.

Patrick Scheetz, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at Michigan State University in East Lansing, found in a national survey that employers are projecting a decrease in the hiring of college graduates for the fourth straight year.

The results were reported in Michigan State's 22nd annual national survey, which said the most serious problem facing campus recruiters is the limited number of minority and female job-seekers, and the need for more applicants with work experience. Graduate students also have unrealistic expectations, the report said.

Among the major findings:

- Employers are becoming more selective about their new hires, and some firms won't

consider applicants with a grade point average less than 3.0.

- Job availability, while competitive nationwide, is better in the Southeast and North Central, and more competitive in the Southwest, South Central, Northeast and Northwest.

- The qualifications employers are looking for in college students include flexibility, teamwork skills and the ability to provide customer satisfaction. Computer knowledge is considered mandatory, the report said.

- The estimated beginning salaries for 1993 college graduates range from \$40,173 for chemical engineers to \$19,114 for journalism majors. For students with master's degrees, the average is \$35,289, and for Ph.D.s, \$37,775.

College graduates also are competing for jobs with people who have job experience but have been laid off or are switching companies or careers.

During the past five years, 240 of the 540 businesses surveyed by Michigan State have lost an estimated 24,454 salaried positions.

"Another fact affecting new graduates is the change in corporate hiring practices," Lindquist said. "Students face more competition from experienced personnel in the job market."

Lindquist estimates that firms in 1992 hired 55 percent of new employees from people with previous job experience, and 46 percent of the firms now use contract personnel to fill professional positions.

## College Clips

### Rape victim files \$18.9 million suit

FAIRFAX, Va. — A young woman has filed an \$18.9 million suit against George Mason University, claiming that campus police bungled the investigation of her alleged rape.

The woman, who was a 17-year-old freshman at the time of the attack, said she was raped and sodomized by three men in her dormitory room at 2:20 a.m. Sept. 2, 1991, the campus newspaper reported.

According to the lawsuit, which identified the victim as "Jane Doe," initial reports circulated by the university media relations department indicated that the crime was an "acquaintance rape" even though the young woman told investigators she did not know her attackers, the *Broadside* reported.

The lawsuit also referred to "the university administration attempting to coerce her, and through her parents, to withdraw from the university," and said that "the university's agents and employees published reports about the crime implying the victim 'asked for it.'"

The suit claims that Jane Doe was not taken to the hospital until 6 a.m., and she was not examined until 9 a.m.

In addition, the suit claims that university police "took the wrong bedding to the forensic laboratory" and "failed to monitor the collection and evaluation of evidence."

The woman also is suing the three alleged rapists, all former George Mason University students, for assault and battery, false imprisonment and trespassing.

## Students shuffle books, fire trucks

By JOHN WILLIAMS

YELLOW SPRINGS, Ohio — Colin Altman's social life at Antioch University revolves around four women and six other men, a fire truck and an ambulance.

Altman and his fellow students are all firefighters and work in what is thought to be the only student-operated campus fire department in the United States.

The history of the fire department goes back to the late 1880s, when a student bucket brigade put out a fire at a women's dormitory. The student fire department was officially organized in 1936 and served as the only fire department in Yellow Springs until 1946.

Altman, a psychology major, is an assistant fire chief and has medical technician training. All the students are state-certified firefighters; additionally, two are paramedics, three are advanced Emergency Medical Technicians and two are basic EMTs.

They receive their free training at local community colleges, vocational centers and the Yellow Springs Fire Department. All the student firefighters must pass a physical examination, take a 36-hour firefighting class and pass state-administered written and practical tests.

"We're pretty much self-run. The chief totally controls the budget," he said.

The students get no special breaks from the administration for free room or board, nor are they paid for their services.

"Beyond satisfaction, that's all we get," Altman said. "We have had arguments with the college for at least free room."

The firefighters are required to tell their professors at the beginning of each term that they may have to leave class suddenly to go on call. They all carry pagers or scanners with them, and while most teachers are cooperative, "some professors think it's a disturbance," he said.

The department averages about 300 calls a year on campus, and the firefighters go to



all township calls. Altman said most of the calls turn out to be false alarms, and about 60 percent of the calls are for the ambulance for events ranging from serious car accidents to a drunken student falling down stairs.

"We do see a range of things you wouldn't deal with if you're just a student," he said.

Altman and the firefighters tend to lead separate lives from the other Antioch students. They all live together in a dorm that is outfitted with a firefighter's pole and house the fire truck and ambulance.

"Since we all live in the same building, and have to be together so much, it affects our ability to have friends outside the department," Altman said.

Duty time for the three crews is 24 hours on, 48 hours off.

"I basically joined when my friends did," he said. "I wanted to be an EMT, but converted to a fireman."

While most fire department alumni go on to other careers, some have remained firefighters. The most notable, according to school officials, is Terry Florens, who, in 1975, became Ohio's first full-time paid female firefighter. The current department has students majoring in psychology, biology, environmental studies and education.

"Everyone has different ideas with what they want to do after they graduate," Altman said. "No matter what they do, I'm sure most want to be volunteers in a fire department."

### Snowball fight turns ugly

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State University officials are investigating how a campus snowball fight escalated into a melee that left five students injured and nearly \$3,000 in damage to dormitories and automobiles.

The fight, which lasted about eight hours, began in the early evening of Dec. 10 and wasn't finished until the next day. The injuries included broken fingers, nose injuries, a dislocated knee and shoulder, and a concussion.

Officials said four students were arrested and charged with malicious destruction of property, disorderly behavior and violation of a vehicle code.

The melee apparently began as a stress-relieving snowball fight that escalated into a near-riot that moved from one campus area to another as snow supplies dwindled, school officials said. Several cars were damaged by snowballs, and one vehicle was kicked by a student.

"We will not tolerate any activities that put student safety at risk," MSU interim President Gordon Guyer said.

### Pledge to kick the meat habit March 20

BETHESDA, Md. — The Great American Meatout, sponsored by the Farm Animal Reform Movement, will be held March 20 as part of a national effort to get people to stop eating meat.

FARM has urged meat-eaters to take the following pledge: "I pledge to kick the meat habit on March 20 (the first day of spring) and to explore a less violent, more wholesome diet."



still grace his temple. Jackson, the boy in the purple and black, walks by me and I smile at him. He puts his hands on his stomach and laughs.

Once the kids finish, they dump their dishes in a wash bin, pour any leftover drink in a bucket, and throw their plates away. The children are divided into three groups: toddlers (18 months to two years), transitions (over two to five) and preschoolers. After breakfast, they go to their group's room for activities.

Each group has its own teachers and schedule to follow. Swinarski is the teacher of the toddlers in the mornings. Michelle Clark takes over in the afternoons. Both have years of experience with children, a requirement Freeman-Wakefield insists upon.

"It's a real myth that anyone can work with kids," Freeman-Wakefield says. "It takes a real special person to be involved with child care. You have to tune into the children to find out what they need. Not all child cares do that. It's more than just a job, it's a profession."

"I chose this career because I enjoy it," Swinarski said. "Don't just think I watch children. I read, sing songs; we become sub-parents to them. We do make an impact on children. People come back in six years and remember what they did here. That gives me a good feeling."

Later in the afternoon, after several diaper changes and a nap, the toddlers bundle up for a short outing to the Alumni

House and back. Each of the five remaining toddlers (all boys) are carefully dressed for the cool outside. Jackson, the sunshine kid, sits patiently at the table in his blue coat and hat, amusing himself by humming and rocking back and forth. Once outside, he hops instead of walks.

On Fridays, they are allowed to watch a movie. The movie today is Cinderella. While waiting for the movie to start, Clark suggests they sing a song.

"I don't want to sing a song," Spencer says.

"I do," Jackson says, and begins singing, "I love you, you love me, We're as happy as can be. . ." By the end of the song, Spencer joins in.

The center closes at 5:30 p.m., so around 5 p.m., all the children gather in the play room. Parents drift in to pick up their children, each arrival announced to all by the delightful screeches of their kids. As the people leave, one assistant sinks into the tiny chair and relaxes.

"It's so quiet, I can finally hear myself."

For Clark, a Metropolitan Community College student studying early child education, her work is something she looks forward to every day.

"I love my work," Clark says. "They come up to you and hug you. If I take the day off, I wonder about them — I even talk about them. I've seen them go from toddlers to transition to preschool, it's hard to say goodbye when they go up a level. I love them and I try to give them my all. It's very rewarding."

## Clarification

The top photo in Friday's *Gateway* mistakenly identified President Clinton at his Wednesday inauguration. The photo of Clinton was actually taken at the Governor's Luncheon.

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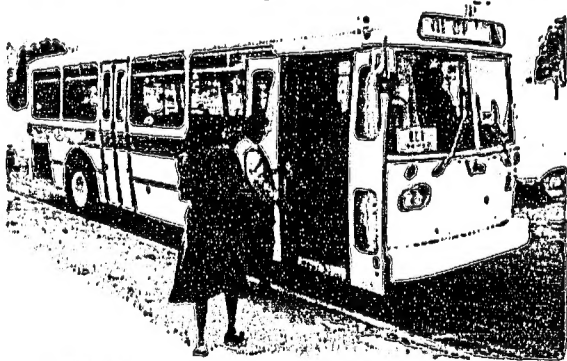
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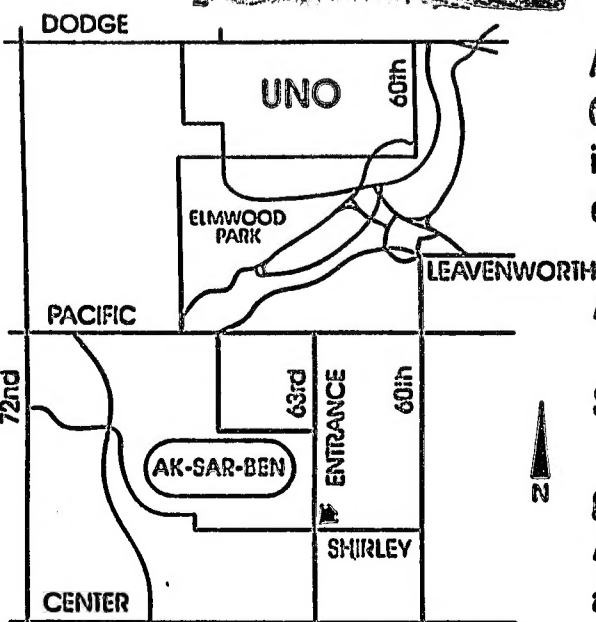
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### Coyotes leave Mavs howling

By TIM ROHWER

The UNO men's basketball team must wait another weekend to find that elusive conference victory.

The Mavs lost both games on their road trip Friday and Saturday to bring the record to 3-12 overall and 0-7 in the North Central Conference (NCC).

The Morningside Chiefs defeated the Mavs 80-73 on Friday and the University of South Dakota (USD) Coyotes were on the winning side Saturday, 66-57.

Foul shooting was the big key for the Chiefs who made 18 straight free throws in the second half in their win against UNO. The Mavs shot more free throws than Morningside but did not connect as well. The Mavs made 21 of 34 foul shots for 61 percent, while Morningside shot 81 percent in making 26 of 32 shots. A total of 57 fouls were called on both teams with senior guard Tony Stubblefield and senior guard Ron Walker fouling out for the Mavs.

"Fouls are part of the game. You just have to overcome them," UNO Coach Bob Hanson said.

The Mavs got off to a fast start and led by as many as seven points at one time. At the half, UNO was ahead 29-25.

The second half, though, was a different story with the Chiefs scoring 25 points to UNO's eight at one point.

Stubblefield led the Mavs' scoring with 14 points, followed by senior forward Ray Howard with 12 points and junior guard Ryan Elrod with 11.

The victory boosted the Chiefs' record to 9-5 overall and 3-3 in the North Central Conference (NCC).

Saturday's match found the Mavs invading the Dakota Dome in Vermillion, S.D., to tangle with the Coyotes, the nation's eighth-ranked team in Division II.

UNO was able to pace the Coyotes throughout the first half and led 31-30 at intermission.

After falling behind early in the second half, the Mavs came back and regained the lead 41-39 with 13:56 remaining on freshman guard John Haugh's jump shot.

After the Coyotes scored seven straight points for a 46-41 lead, UNO countered with its own scoring spree. Haugh hit one of two free throws and then Howard, who led the Mavs with a career-high 24 points, scored twice on short shots. Freshman center John Skokan hit a jumper from the lane and UNO had the lead back at 48-46 with 8:50 to play.

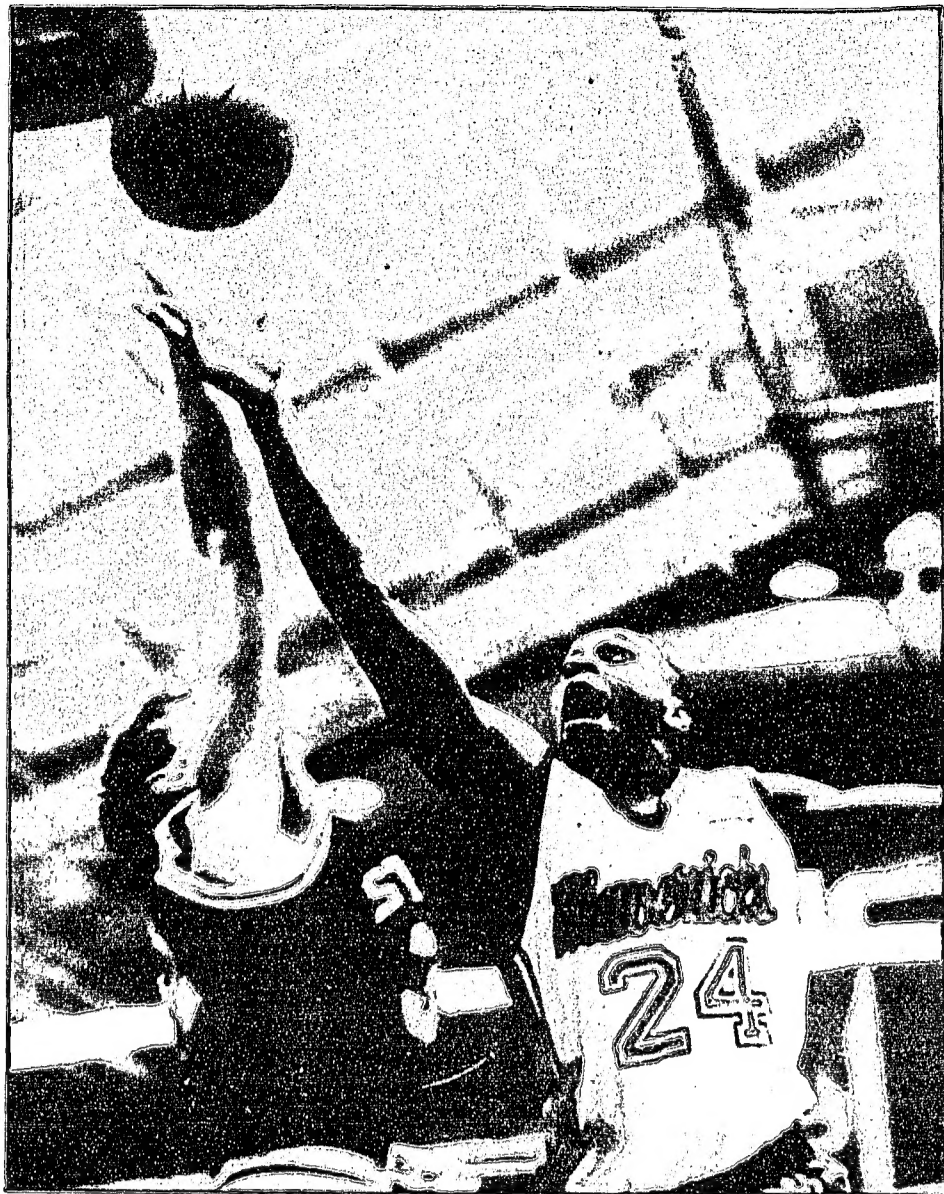
The Coyotes then scored eight straight points, capped by junior guard Randy Rosenquist's three-pointer, to go ahead 54-48 with a little more than six minutes to play.

The Mavs, though, were not finished as Howard, Elrod and Walker scored baskets to cut the home team's lead to 56-54. But the Coyotes then scored six unanswered points to ice the game.

With its victory, the USD improved its record to 14-1 overall and 7-0 in the NCC.

"I feel pretty good about the performances. Ray Howard was outstanding in the South Dakota game," Hanson said. "In both games, we had more field goals than the other teams did and we out rebounded both of them. We're improving."

The Mavs return home this weekend to host Mankato State University on Friday and St. Cloud State University on Saturday, with both games starting at 8:05 p.m.



—Ed Carlson

UNO senior guard Tony Stubblefield, No. 24, scores a basket in earlier action.

### Lady Mavs drop two conference games on the road



—Ed Carlson

UNO freshman Michelle Clifford, No. 42, goes for two in earlier action.

By TIM ROHWER

It was a different verse, but the same story for the UNO women's basketball team over the weekend.

The Lady Mavs lost a pair of games to North Central Conference (NCC) rivals to continue their losing streak. On Friday, the Morningside Chiefs defeated the Mavs 88-41 and the University of South Dakota Coyotes did the same on Saturday, 79-70.

The losses handed the Lady Mavs a record of 3-12 overall and 0-7 in the NCC. UNO has not won since Dec. 29.

Against Morningside, the Lady Mav players arrived for the game, but not as a team, said Coach Cherri Mankenberg.

"We didn't show up as a team; we played as individuals," she said. "It's disappointing and all of us were disgusted. We have to play as a team."

The Chiefs jumped out to an early lead against the Lady Mavs. With less than five minutes gone in the first half, Morningside was already ahead by 11 points at 15-4. Eventually, they led UNO by 27 points and went into the intermission leading 45-20.

In the second half, the Chiefs continued to build their lead with the final score being the biggest margin of the evening at 47 points.

Morningside senior center Shawna Paskert, who is second in the NCC in scoring, led all scorers with 17 points. Senior center Sandy Skradski led UNO in scoring, but her 12-point effort was down eight points from her overall average.

"We didn't make enough passes to Sandy

and I think she was rushing some shots," Mankenberg said.

The victory boosted the Chiefs' record to 12-2 overall and 5-1 in the North Central Conference (NCC).

"We didn't play prepared or hard. It was an all-around bad game," Mankenberg said. "Morningside has depth, but that's still no excuse. They're not as tough as North Dakota, although they're probably faster and have better outside shooters."

Against the Coyotes, it looked like the Lady Mavs were in for the same kind of treatment they got the previous evening. But Skradski scored 11 straight points early in the second half to help UNO overcome a seven-point halftime deficit and lead 39-35 with 16:36 remaining.

But the Coyotes scored 14 of the next 16 points and never trailed again. The scoring spree was the turning point of the game, Mankenberg said.

"There was a five-minute spurt when we couldn't buy a basket. We were missing some high point shots and layups. We just got out of our rhythm," she said.

Skradski led all scorers with 30 points. "She was great in the South Dakota game, as was (senior guard) Marsha Moore," Mankenberg said. "And (freshman center) Michelle Clifford, we're seeing a lot of promise in her."

The Coyotes improved their record to 11-5 overall and 4-3 in the NCC.

The next games for the Lady Mavs will be in the Fieldhouse Friday against Mankato State University and St. Cloud State on Saturday.

*"It's disappointing and all of us were disgusted. We have to play as a team."*

—Cherri Mankenberg, Lady Mav basketball coach



## Sports Shorts

### Lady Mavs place in Cornhusker Open

Members of the UNO women's indoor track team outperformed participants in several events at the Cornhusker Open Saturday at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL).

Barb Keefover finished second out of 18 runners in the 1,000-meter race. Her time of 2:56.93 is a school record.

She also finished eighth out of 29 runners in the one-mile race.

In other events, Mary Ann Wieberg finished fourth out of 25 runners in the 600-yard race, Kim Osler finished sixth out of 29 runners in the 55-meter hurdles, Billie Jo Antsdell finished sixth out of 28 runners in the 800-meter race, and Linda Vondras finish eighth out of 31 runners in the 55-meter dash.

No team scoring was kept.

A total of 650 athletes from 15 schools competed in the open.

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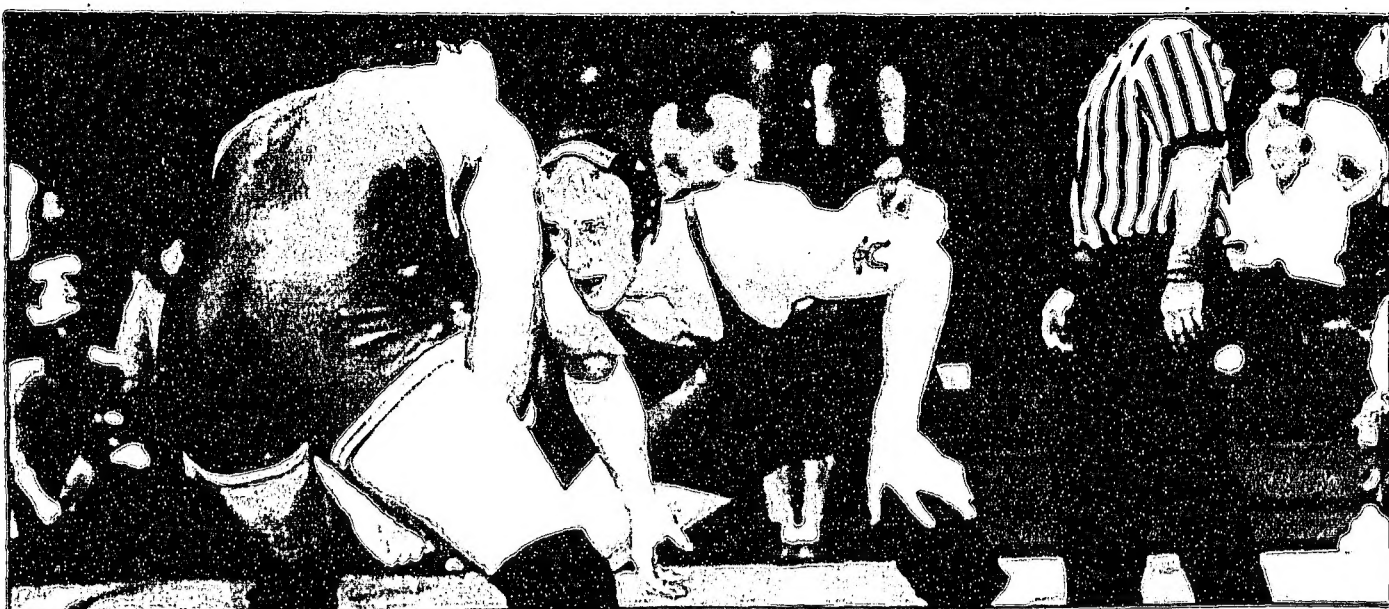
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—Ed Carlson

UNO's Dan Radik, right, battles North Dakota's John Skapyak in a 177-lb match.

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The Bison, though, came back and tied the score at 15-15 after Lance Koenig beat the Mavs' Tony DeGeorge 8-2 in the 167-lb. match.

Radik regained the lead for the Mavs at 20-15 when he beat Mike McCormick on a technical fall, 16-1. Pat Kelly gave the Mavs a 23-15 lead when he beat Bob Finneseth in the 190-lb. match.

NDSU's Tim Tekantz finished the Bison scoring by beating Darin Tietz in the heavy-weight division.

Denney said Bauer's pin was the turning point in the NDSU contest.

"I think his pin was the spark we needed. He really performed well, although I was really pleased with each and every guy. I don't think we've reached our peak yet," Denney said.

Bauer said practice and conditioning are the keys to his success.

"I had a good week in practice and the technical fall I had last night (Friday) sort of carried over as far as momentum tonight," he said. "I try to make sure my conditioning is up to be as strong in the third period as in the first."

Denney said UNO will probably face one or both of the North Dakota squads in the NCC tournament, hosted by UNO on Feb. 21. He said he cannot worry about any psychological advantage the UNO victories may give the North Dakota schools.

"You just line up and do it again. We can't worry about any psychological advantage," Denney said.

The weekend victories gave the Mavs a 4-1 overall record, including 3-0 in the NCC. The

Bison record falls to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the NCC. UND's record fell to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the NCC. CSMU's record dropped to 3-11.

The Mavs go on the road this week to compete in four matches in three days beginning Wednesday. UNO will compete in a three-team match Wednesday against Northern State College and host Augustana. The Mavs will beat St. Cloud State University on Thursday and at South Dakota State University on Friday.

"Four duals in three days, that's got to be some sort of record," Denney said. "It's not going to be an easy trip. It's really going to be a test, mentally and physically."

Bauer added, "This trip will show how much heart we have."

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# Hanson seeks an earlier start

By Tim Rohrer

UNO Coach Bob Hanson said he will continue to seek an earlier starting date for preseason practice despite its disapproval at the recent NCAA convention.

The NCAA Presidents Commission voted down a proposal, sponsored in part by Hanson, that would allow schools to open preseason practice Oct. 15. Currently, schools must wait until Nov. 1 to officially open practice.

"We came close. I think we lost by only nine points," Hanson said of the proposal. "I'm going to keep at it. It's important because it's going to be easier for student athletes."

Hanson said he believes the commission voted down the proposal in response to surveys and questionnaires taken in recent years indicating most student athletes wanted more free time.

"The thing is my players are always there in the Fieldhouse from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (daily practice times). They're not studying at that time because we've got study sessions at other times. The proposal wouldn't take away from other activities," Hanson said.

The Nov. 1 starting date for practice does not adversely affect Division I schools as much as Division II schools, like UNO, because most Division I teams open their season at a later date, and more practice time is available, Hanson said.

Moreover, UNO occasionally plays teams affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), which allows its members to open preseason practice and their seasons much earlier, he added.

"We played Doane College (NAIA member) in our second game this year and it was already their 10th game," Hanson said.

The commission also voted against delaying cuts in basketball scholarships. Division I schools will be forced to cut scholarships from 14 to 13 beginning next fall. Basketball coaches had wanted a two-year delay.

UNO Athletic Director Bob Gibson said the reduction in Division I scholarships might add to the quality of play for Division II schools.

"What may happen is that a lot of those Division I players, especially those who would have gotten that 14th scholarship, for example, may now filter down to the Division II schools," he said.



UNO Coach Bob Hanson said he will continue his quest to push for an earlier basketball starting date.

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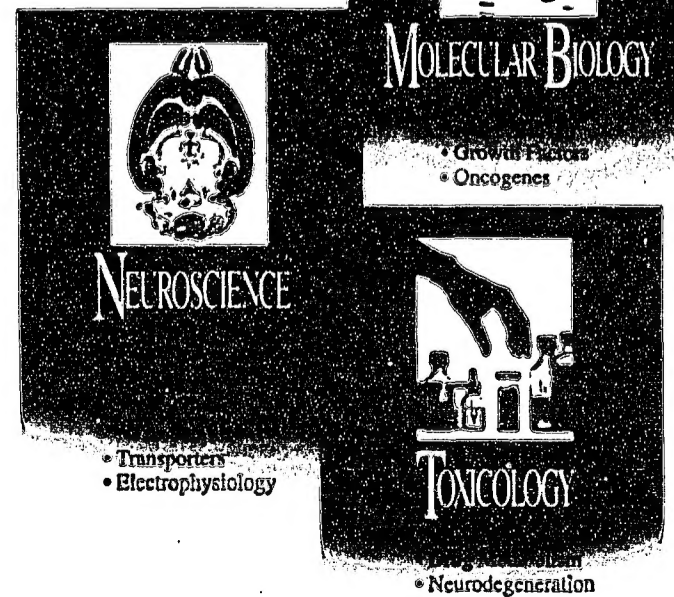
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